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REVIEW OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various Committees have been set up by the Governmentto deal with the national calamities and the disaster management programme;

(b) if so, whether in the light of the experience gained during the calamities caused by the cyclones & earthquakes in the country any review of functioning of these committees has been made by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures contemplated by the Government for effective management in such a situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (d) Institutional arrangements at the National, State and District levels existfor management of natural disasters. The primary responsibility for undertaking rescue, relief and rehabilitation measures as well as disaster preparedness and mitigation programmes, in the event of natural disasters is that of the State Governmentconcerned. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government. Disaster mitigation measures are reviewed from time to time keeping in view the nature, intensity and impact of the natural disasters. In the wake of recent earthquake in Gujarat, a National Committee on Disaster Management has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister having representation of the Presidents of theNational and State Level political parties to inter-alia suggest necessary institutional and legislative measures needed for an effective and long-term strategy to deal with major natural calamities in the future.